SUGGESTED SEQUENCE FOR COMPLETION

Following admission to the LPN-AASN option, a suggested sequence for completion is as follows:

**Fall**
- NRS 1235 Nursing I  5
- NRSP 1243 Clinical Practicum I  3
- NRS 1252 Role Development I  2
- BIO 2103 Microbiology for Nursing and Allied Health  3
- BIO 2101 Lab for Microbiology for Nursing  1
  Total Credits: 14

**Spring**
- NRS 2213 Nursing II: Med-Surg  3
- NRS 2212 Nursing II: Mental Health  2
- NRSP 2223 Clinical Practicum II  3
- NRS 2251 Role Development II  1
- ENG 1013 Composition II  3
  Total Credits: 12

**Fall**
- NRS 2232 Nursing III: Maternal-Child  2
- NRS 2233 Nursing III: Med-Surg  3
- NRSP 2244 Clinical Practicum III  4
- NRSP 2272 Role Development Practicum  2
  Total Credits: 11

This course may be taken during any semester prior to graduation:
- HIST 2763 or HIST 2773 U.S. to/since 1876  3
- POSC 2103 Intro. to U.S. Government  3

The School of Nursing affirms that all students enrolled in the AASN Program must possess those intellectual, ethical, physical, and emotional capabilities required to undertake the full curriculum and to achieve the levels of competence required by the faculty for safe professional practice. The criteria are included in the Nursing Student Handbook and are attached to the application for admission.
THE PROFESSION

The mission of the School of Nursing is to educate, enhance and enrich students for evolving professional nursing practice. Arkansas State University’s nursing programs are committed to quality education and to meeting the unique needs of northern and eastern Arkansas and the surrounding area. The Associate in Applied Science in Nursing (AASN) graduate is prepared to provide and manage direct care to individuals with common well-defined problems. The AASN graduate functions as a team member using nursing diagnoses and established protocols for individuals in acute care and community-based settings. Additionally, the graduate participates as a member of the profession in appropriate specialty and politically focused nursing organizations.

THE PROGRAM

LPN-to-AASN program is available at the Jonesboro, Beebe, Mountain Home and West Memphis (MSCC) campuses. The AASN program is approved by the Arkansas State Board of Nursing and accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN), 3343 Peachtree Rd NE, Suite 850, Atlanta, GA 30326. Phone (404) 975-5000, www.acenursing.org. Upon completion of this program, the student is eligible to apply for licensure as a Registered Nurse. A first-time applicant for any license by the Arkansas State Board of Nursing will have a state and national criminal background check. Any offenses identified in section § 17-87-312 of the Nurse Practice Act may prohibit a graduate from obtaining a license to practice as a Registered Nurse in the State of Arkansas. Although an appeal may be possible there are offenses that permanently disqualify an applicant from a license.

The professional portion of the curriculum is three semesters in length, beginning in the fall semester. Students completing this program will receive an Associate in Science in Nursing degree. A variety of area health care facilities are utilized for clinical experience. The AASN program will receive an Associate of Applied Science in Nursing (AASN) degree. A variety of area health care facilities are utilized for clinical education.

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ASU-Beebe (501) 882-8891
ASU-Mountain Home (870) 508-6113
ASU Programs MidSouth CC (870) 733-6031

LPN TO AASN CURRICULUM

The following 20 semester credits with a minimum “C” in each course, a CGPA of 2.00 including all college credits, acceptance to ASU and a current unencumbered LPN license to practice in Arkansas is required for application to the AASN degree program.

PRE-REQUISITE COURSES AND SEMESTER HOURS

Science
BIO 2203 Human Anatomy and Physiology I 3
BIO 2201 Lab for Human Anatomy and Physiology I 1
BIO 2223 Human Anatomy and Physiology II 3
BIO 2221 Lab for Human Anatomy and Physiology II 1

Mathematics
MATH 1023 College Algebra 3

Composition
ENG 1003 Composition I 3

Computer Science
CS 1043 Introduction to Computers or CITT 1903 Microcomputer Applications 3

Nursing
NRS 2392 Health Assessment 2
NRS 2391 Health Assessment Practicum 1

The following are required support courses that must be taken prior to or during the nursing program:

COURSES AND SEMESTER HOURS

ENG 1013 Composition II 3
HIST 2763 or HIST 2773 U.S. to/since 1876, or POSC 2103 Intro. to U.S. Government 3
BIO 2103 Microbiology for Nursing and Allied Health 3
BIO 2101 Lab for Microbiology for Nursing 1

A “C” or higher is required in all coursework.

Course substitutions are approved by the Registrar’s Office. See your advisor or AState.edu/a registrar for equivalencies.

LPN-TO-AASN PROGRAM

Arkansas State School of Nursing participates in the ASBN statewide articulation program for LPNs and LPTNs seeking an AASN degree.

Work Experience Requirements:
Applicants who complete their LPN/LPTN program less than 12 months prior to application to the AASN program are not required to have work experience. If it has been greater than 12 months since graduation, the applicant must provide proof of work experience reflecting a minimum of 1,000 hours of nursing employment during the past 12 – 24 months. For any questions concerning this information, applicants are encouraged to see a pre-nursing advisor.

LPN TO AASN CURRICULUM AFTER ACCEPTANCE

The following semester credits, with a minimum grade of “C” are required for completion of the professional program.

COURSES AND SEMESTER HOURS

NRS 1235 Nursing I 5
NRS 1243 Clinical Practicum I 3
NRS 1252 Role Development I 2
NRS 2213 Nursing II: Med-Surg 3
NRS 2212 Nursing II: Mental Health 2
NRS 2222 Clinical Practicum II 3
NRS 2251 Role Development II 1
NRS 2233 Nursing III: Med-Surg 3
NRS 2232 Nursing III: Maternal-Child 2
NRS 2244 Clinical Practicum III 4
NRS 2277 Role Development Practicum 2
Basic Disaster Life Support (BDLS)

APPLICATION INFORMATION

Class size is limited and all applicants may not be accepted into the program. Interested individuals are encouraged to seek an advisor or contact the office of Admissions and Records to discuss admission requirements and placement options.

Applicants for admission will be ranked according to pre-requisite GPA, cumulative GPA, and admission exam scores. Additional credit is given for all pre-requisite courses completed at the time of application submission and Spanish proficiency.

Consideration for admission will be given to students completing the prerequisites by the end of Summer II.
For the purpose of admission ranking, grades from all attempts at pre-requisite courses will be used to calculate GPA.

(See reverse side for Application Procedure)